

**Oregon Pork Producers Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2017**  
**Oregon State University – Corvallis, OR**

Meeting was called to order following a morning educational seminar.

Auction for the youth account was conducted with donated items raising a total of about \$1060.

Auction Items:

- Shaffers Gold Rush: 2 doses of any boar in stud - \$125 (Lowell Bickle)
- WD Swine Farm: 2 doses of Pop-A-Wheelie - \$100 (Kristy Wille)
- Perry Swine Genetics: 2 doses of any boar in stud - \$125 (Lowell Bickle)
- Baade Genetics: 2 doses of any boar in stud - \$200 (West Coast Show Pigs)
- Pacific Northwest Genetics: 2 Doses of Bachelor Party - \$135 (Shawn Blodgett)
- Pacific Northwest Genetics: 2 Doses of Scared 2 Change - \$100 (OSU)
- Liberty and Justice Swine Services: 2 Doses of any boar in stud - \$100 (Swede Salo)
- Malay Showpigs: 2 Doses any boar in stud - \$175 (JoAnn Yates)

Meeting was called to order at 1:02p.m. by President Shawn Blodgett after a lunch that was catered by OSU Meat Sciences Club. The current board members were introduced as well as other sale committee volunteers who help out throughout the year.

**NATIONAL PORK BOARD UPDATE**

Kylee Deniz on behalf of the National Pork Board a report on the current happenings and priorities and industry goals. Topics included: Current Market Outlook – pork at an all-time high, record setting production year in 2016; NPB Strategic Plan and \$ investment by NPB goals; Antibiotics and where we have been, where we are, and where we are going as producers; Find a Vet; and Real Pig Farming campaign.

**APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes were handed out from the 2016 meeting. Greg Gonzales moved to approve the 2016 annual meeting minutes as presented, motion seconded by Gayle Burke. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was presented by Gayle Burke, she explained the differences between the accounts, where monies come from and how monies are spent out of each account. Account balances as of the close of 2016:

Mandatory Small State Account - \$4,529.93

Voluntary Account (balance minus reserves) - \$8,870.83

Youth Show Account (balance minus reserves) - \$1,667.24

Swede Salo moved to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Wynn Mayfield. Motion Passed.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PRESENTATIONS**

Lowell presented the distinguished service award to Alan Wall, who unfortunately due to health issues was not able to attend the meeting, but Lowell will get a plaque to him soon.

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

Each year we have three board positions that open for elections. Nominations are electronically accepted until Dec 1. This year we had three names submitted for our three positions, instead of sending out ballots, the board elected to cast a vote during the annual meeting as allowed by our bylaws. Shawn Blodgett, Chris Hartman, and Robert Justice. We encourage anyone interested in being a board member to apply again next year as three positions will be open for election; anyone interested should submit a short bio and photo by Dec 1 to the current board secretary for publication. **Swede Salo moved and Greg Gonzales seconded to approve the three individuals who ran for board positions. Motion Passed.**

#### **2016 PORK ACT DELEGATE REPORT**

Ray & Jennifer Black gave a brief presentation on the 2016 National Pork Forum, and the delegate process and what that is like as a delegate.

#### **2017 PORK ACT DELEGATE ELECTIONS**

Lee as the State Contact explained the voting procedures for Pork Act Delegates, explaining that only those that paid check off during the last year were eligible to vote.

Lee passed around the sheet for producers to sign, verifying that they have paid assessments are eligible to vote for Pork Act Delegates and ballots as well

Shawn then asked for nominations for the 2018 Pork Act Delegates. Greg & Susan Gonzales, Ray & Jennifer Blake, and Wynn & Kathy Mayfield were nominated, nominations were closed. Ballots were passed out and collected; the results were tabulated by Lee: Greg & Susan Gonzales were selected as the 2018 Pork Act Delegates; Wynn & Kathy Mayfield were selected as the alternates.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Letsch  
OPP Secretary

Following the annual meeting we had a Fitting/Showing workshop and Adult PQA plus sessions available for members present.